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SUBJECT: GREEK AMBASSADOR ON MINIC VISIT TO CYPRUS AND GREEK RESPONSE TO TITO MESSAGE

1. GREEK AMBASSADOR ECONOMIDES IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR COMMENTED ON DISCUSSION WITH YUGOSLAV FONSEC MINIC ON LATTER'S RECENT VISIT TO CYPRUS. MINIC REPORTEDLY SAID HE FOUND DENKTASH MORE INFLEXIBLE THAN HE APPEARED IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS, EVEN MORE INFLEXIBLE THAN THE MAINLAND TURKS.

2. RE MINIC STATEMENT THAT GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS SHOULD HAVE "EQUAL TREATMENT", MINIC THOUGHT YUGOSLAV-TYPE FEDERAL STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE APPLICABLE. GREEK RESPONSE EMPHASIZED ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YUGOSLAV AND CYPRUS SITUATIONS IN THAT YUGOSLAV ETHNIC GROUPS ARE CONCENTRATED GEOG-RAPHICALLY RATHER THAN SCATTERED AS ARE COMMUNITIES ON CYPRUS. CONFORMITY WITH YUGOSLAV PATTERN WOULD MEAN MASS SHIFTING OF POPULATION ON THE ISLAND, IMPLYING GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION AND ULTIMATELY AN END TO CYPRUS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. MINIC AGREED THIS NOT ONLY UNDERSIRABLE BUT UNACCEPTABLE. HE FELT, ON REFLECTION, THAT SWISS CANTONAL SYTEM MIGHT BE BETTER GUIDE.
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3. ACCORDING TO ECONOMIDES, YUGOSLAV IDEA FOR THEIR FEDERAL
SYSTEM MIGHT PROVIDE MODEL FOR SOLUTION WAS THEIR ONLY PROPOSAL.
THEY HAD NO FURTHER IDEAS TO PRESENT.

4. KARAMANLIS REPLY TO TITO MESSAGE WAS ONLY ON GENERAL LINES,
MAKING IT CLEAR THAT GREECE WOULD NOT NEGOTITATE UNDER A THREAT AND
THAT TURKS WOULD HAVE TO UNDERTAKE SOME MEANINGFUL
REDISPOSITION OF TROOPS BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS COULD BEGIN.
ECONOMIDES SAID HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO STRESS THIS POINT ORALLY-
THAT THE GREEKS COULD UNDER NO CONDITIONS BEGIN NEGOTIATION
UNDER A THREAT - AND DID SO WHEN HE HANDED REPLY TO
MINIC.
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